

Post Shorts

procedures

The Common Access Card, or CAC, renewals and PIN resets must be completed by appointment only, within a 30-day period prior to the expiration date.

Individuals need to contact the Badge/ID Office, Physical Security Support Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement at 410-306-2381, building 4305 or 410-436-3360, building E-4420 either for initial issuance or renewal.

Additionally, new employees (contractor, civilian or military) need to bring proof of Social Security number with them, such as SS card, Form 50 action, medical card, government driver's license, military ID, a pay stub or a W2.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 pm to 4 p.m.; non-RDO Friday's 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The offices are closed RDO Friday's (Friday's following government payday).

KUSAHC holds daytime Tobacco Cessation Classes

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is offering daytime tobacco cessation classes for four consecutive Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning in May. 4. Pre-registration is required.

All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

For more information and to register for class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

PWOC celebrates National Day of Prayer

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are celebrating the National Day of Prayer at the APG Post Chapel, 9 to 11:30 a.m., May 5.

PWOC is a group of women from different denominations, Post Chapel and local churches, that meet 9 to 11:30 a.m. every Thursday to have fun and fellowship together.

Child care is provided for children ages 5 and under.

For more information, call Amy Shipley, 410-272-2804.

Days of Remembrance set for May 5

The annual Days of Remembrance observance will be held May 5, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Post Theater.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has designated "From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice" as the theme for the 2005 Days of Remembrance observance in memory of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps and the subsequent prosecution under international law of major Nazi war criminals at

Nuremberg, Germany.

The guest speaker will be Bluma Shapiro, a holocaust survivor.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, 410-2781534.

Office Eagle holds customer appreciation days

The Office Eagle Base Supply Centers will hold customer appreciation days 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 19 in building 320 and May 20, 3007 Bush River Road.

Free food, product presentations and an opportunity for the staff to thank its patrons are part of the activities.

For more information, e-mail ralonso@bism.org.

Concert tickets for early birds

Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Aberdeen Proving Ground present The 2005 Miller Lite Army Concert featuring Terri Clark, with special guests Chely Wright, Julie Roberts and Miranda Lambert Aug. 20 on Shine Sports Field.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m.

A \$10 early bird ticket special for APG government ID cards holders only will be held April 29. These tickets are

only available at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011. Purchasers must present ID at time of purchase.

The \$10 tickets will go on sale to the public April 30, first come, first served.

There are only a limited number of tickets available at this special price.

Tickets can be purchased at www.apgmwr.com, MWR Registration, Hoyle Fitness Center and Ticketmaster.

For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com.

Volunteer of the Year nominations due

Volunteer of the Year nominations for volunteer service Jan. 1 through Dec.31, 2004 are due by May 6 to Army Community Service Volunteer Office, building 2754, room 206.

Categories are military (active duty, reserve, national guard), civilian employee, youth (18 years of age or younger), family member (19 years of age or older), and retiree (civilian or military). Each organization/unit may submit two nominations in each category.

For more information, contact Sarah Staats, 410-278-2464 or e-mail sarah.staats@apg.army.mil.

Level 2 AFTB train-

ing offered

Evening Level 2 Army Family Team Building Training will be conducted 6 to 9 p.m., every Wednesday, May 4 through June 1 at the Army Community Service Training Room, building 2754.

AFTB offers volunteer-taught classes to civilians, family members, and Soldiers about the military life and community resources.

For more information, call Sarah Staats, AFTB program manager, ACS, 410-278-2464 or e-mail Sarah.Staats@apg.army.mil.

Community Notes

THURSDAY APRIL 28 FREE HOME SELLING SEMINAR

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is offering A Home Selling Seminar 6 to 8 p.m. at the APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway.

Guest speakers Cathy Werner of RE/MAX American Dream and Robert Brendel of Stonegate Title will cover topics such as market analysis, costs of selling, for sale by owner, negotiating and home inspections.

To reserve a space, call 410-

272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555, ext. 5451. Open to the public.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Cecil County ladies Auxiliary to the Fireman’s Association will be held 7 p.m. at the North East Fire Hall, North East. Doors open 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Food, baked goods, door prizes, raffles and beverages will be available. No smoking is permitted.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Linda Slicer, 410-287-9672 or Nora Ryan, 410-642-6440.

MONDAY MAY 2 TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEETING

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will hold its regular meeting 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p. m. at the Gun-powder Club located in the Edgewood area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The meeting is open to anyone on or off base who wants to improve their leadership and communication skills, and overcome the fear of speaking in public.

For more information, call 410-734-6573 or 410-322-7748.

WEDNESDAY MAY 4 DAY CHAPTER MEETING

Bel Air Chapter 30 of the DAV will meet at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 39, 500 Conowingo Road, Bel Air. For more information, call George Mitchell, 410-879-0861.

FRIDAY MAY 6 REGISTRATION FOR PRE-K/K

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold its annual pre-kindergarten/kindergarten registration for the 2005 to 2006 school year, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents are reminded that Roye-Williams has a full-day kindergarten. Kindergarten registration packets may be picked up at the school and returned on registration day for children who will be five years of age as of Sept. 30, 2005.

Pre-kindergarten registration packets may be picked up after 9 a.m. on May 6 for children who will be four years of age as of Sept. 1, 2005.

When application forms are received, they will be checked for completeness and stamped with the date/time they were received. Parents who register their child for pre-kindergarten prior to June 16 will be notified prior to June 30 of their child’s acceptance or non-acceptance into the program.

Parents are requested to bring their child’s birth certificate or verification of birth, Social Security card and all immunization records.

The school also requires proof of residency, which can be in the form of a property tax bill, rental lease, or utility bill (dated within the last two months prior to registration), which contains the parents’ name and address. Parents must also bring a copy of their 2004 Federal Income Tax Return.

SATURDAY MAY 7 COMEDY SHOW/ADULT PUP- PET SHOW

American Legion Post 128 Aberdeen, 44 North Parke Street, will hold a Comedy/Adult Puppet Show at 8 p.m.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person. There will be a cash bar, chips and pretzels.

For reservations and tickets, call 443-243-1514.

Bike-to-Work Day 2005

DSHE

The third annual Bike-to-Work Day, May 6, kicks off Clean Commute Month, a regional effort to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion by encouraging biking, carpooling, telecommuting, riding mass transit, or taking an approved day off during May.

The event takes place in the parking lot at the Harford County Administrative Offices, 220 South Main Street, Bel Air.

Aberdeen Proving Ground, the largest Harford County employer, encourages civilian and military employees to participate in the event sponsored by the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning and supported by the Harford County Rideshare Program and the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board. Similar events will take place in Baltimore City, Towson, and Annapolis.

“During May, the beginning of the ozone season, ground-level ozone begins to get worse because increased and more intense sunlight speeds the conversion of nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compounds (vehicle emissions that cause smog) to ozone,” said Bob Solyan, pollution prevention program manager.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that pol-

lution-forming vehicle emissions could be cut by as much as 5 percent if just 2.5 percent of car trips were made by bike instead.

Commuting by bicycle produces zero pollution.

Cyclists are invited to stop by the parking lot for light refreshments and a chance to chat with other commuter cyclists before their commutes between 7 and 9. Cyclists can sign up for prize drawings and learn about Harford County’s Bike Buddy Club.

Entertainment for the Bel Air event will be provided by Twofold, a band composed of Harford County government workers.

Members of the Bel Air Volunteer Fire Department will also be there to give blood pressure screenings to participants.

Every registered participant will receive a free Bike-to-Work Celebration T-shirt. For more information, visit <http://harfordcountymd.gov/commuter> and <http://cleancommute.com>.

Riders on Aberdeen Proving Ground are reminded to wear appropriate reflective gear, with helmet and eye protection.

Normal gate procedures will be in effect requiring ID at the gates. A family member can be sponsored by government ID holder.

EDS

From front page

chemical cylinders at APG. Although the cylinders contain industrial chemicals, and are not considered chemical warfare materiel, the EDS is capable of destroying the items safely.

Since 1999, the EDS has been used to safely destroy items at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colo., Spring Valley in Washington, D.C., Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, and most recently at Dover Air Force Base, to destroy an old chemical munition found in southern Delaware.

The cylinders will be placed in the EDS’s sealed, stainless steel containment vessel that completely contains the blast,

Movies

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard
To verify listing, call 410-272-9008.

ROBOTS

Friday, April 29, 7 p.m.

Animated

A young robot wiz named Rodney (Ewan McGregor) builds robots that he hopes will make the world a better place. After journeying to the big city, he falls for a female executive robot (Halle Berry), collaborates with an aging innovator (Mel Brooks), and battles a sinister CEO. (Rated PG)

AAFES PRE-SCREENING

HOUSE OF WAX (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, April 30, 7 p.m.

Starring: Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray, Paris Hilton

House of Wax is a remake based on the 1953 horror classic. A group of friends on their way to a college football game falls prey to a pair of murderous brothers in an abandoned small town. They discover that the brothers have expanded

upon the area’s main attraction – the House of Wax, and created an entire town filled with the wax-coated corpses of unlucky visitors. Now the group must find a way out before they too become permanent exhibits in the House of Wax. (Rated R)

HOSTAGE

Saturday, April 30, 9 p.m.

Starring: Bruce Willis, Kevin Pollak, Jimmy Bennett

Jeff Talley, a former LAPD hostage negotiator, has moved himself away from his failed career outside of Los Angeles, and away from his wife and daughter. When a convenience store robbery goes wrong in his turf, the three perpetrators move in on an unsuspecting family. But the family’s father has a secret which might compromise his kin, and one of the criminals is about to jump over the edge. Jeff Talley has to get everybody to survive the night.....if he can. (Rated R)

APG introduces new technology for tick control

DIO

As part of a three-year project to reduce the deer tick population on Aberdeen Proving Ground, the Directorate of Installation Operations, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Environmental Center and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, will be placing Four-poster Deer Feeding Stations at select locations throughout the proving ground.

The deer tick is host to the bacteria *Borrelia burgdoferi*, which is the cause of Lyme disease in humans.

“Lyme disease is a serious and painful condition, which in its early stages, is characterized by a circular rash, or ‘bull’s eye’ around the site of the bite,” said Abdul Sheikh, DIO entomolgist. “In its later stage Lyme disease can affect the nervous system, heart and other organs.

“Not everyone who develops Lyme disease remembers getting bitten by a deer tick. This is due to the fact that the deer tick is very small, even smaller than the head of a pin, and its bite can go unnoticed. This makes the prevention of

Lyme disease very important,” Sheikh said.

In order to reproduce, the deer tick must feed upon a host.

“In its adult stage the deer tick’s favorite host is the white-tailed deer, of which APG has a large population,” Sheikh said.

The objective of the Four-poster Feeding Station is to apply a small amount of insecticide to the white-tailed deer in order to prevent the deer tick from feeding. If the deer tick cannot feed it will not be able to lay eggs, thus breaking its life cycle.

Deer are drawn to the feeder through the use of bait, which in most cases is corn. As the deer feed from the station, a small amount of insecticide is applied to the head and neck area, where the deer tick is most likely to feed.

The insecticide that will be used at these feeding stations is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and is similar to the insecticides which are used by farmers and applied to cattle and hogs.

“The insecticide does not penetrate the skin of the deer and therefore the meat of the

deer is safe for consumption,” Sheikh said. “However, caution should be used by hunters when handling a white-tailed deer as the insecticide is an eye irritant.”

The feeding stations will be monitored on a weekly basis to check for corn consumption.

“This will help determine the number of deer that are feeding from the station and being treated with insecticide,” Sheikh said.

The feeding stations will be active Sept. 1 through Dec. 1 and April 15 through Aug. 31.

“These periods of activity coincide with the periods of highest activity during the tick’s life cycle,” Sheikh said.

“If you notice a Four-poster Feeding Station in your area, please do not tamper with it,” Sheikh said. “Tampering with these devices may drive the deer away and therefore decrease effectiveness.

“If successful, this project should dramatically reduce the population of deer ticks present on APG, making the risk of contracting Lyme Disease less, and thus making the area a safer place to live and work,” Sheikh said.



Photo by ABDUL SHEIKH
Stanley Futch, left, Directorate of Intallation Operations pest controller, pours corn into the feeding area of one of four, Four-poster Deer Feeding Stations on Aberdeen Proving Ground. David Testerman, center, DIO pest controller, finishes filling the container with 200 pounds of corn while Kathleen Cruise, DIO contractor with L. B. & B, checks the rollers. Cruise will be responsible for monitoring the feeding stations.

TRADOC

From front page

injured or killed service members fighting the War on Terror.

He concluded his visit in a meeting with Brig. Gen. Vincent Boles, chief of Ordnance and commander of OC&S. Sparks extended his gratitude for Boles’ leadership of Soldiers trained in ordnance, and said the level of guidance Soldiers receive here impressed him.

APG celebrates spring with a fling



Alexander Stovall Jr., 4, checks out a camping stove and tent, part of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation display of summer camping equipment available for rent through the Outdoor Recreation facility.



Sgt. Joe Tiani, a U.S. Marine Corps recruiter from Bel Air, smiles as he poses for a caricature drawing by Mike Bracco of 'Nothin' Up My Sleeve.'

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Take McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog and add clowns, face-paintings and a host of other activities and what do you have? A day of fun and laughter for the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

The annual Spring Fest and Outdoor Recreation Expo on April 16 kicked off a celebration of the approaching summer with the first Spring Fling Parade.

Led by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army Community Service and Child and Youth Services, the day began with a Spring Fling parade of youth athletic teams and cheerleaders, teen club members, and more who marched from the Post Theater, around Fanshaw Field to Shine Sports Field where a multitude of activities to celebrate the day awaited them.

Leading the way was McGruff, the Crime Fighting Dog, riding in a Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security vehicle along with police officer Mike Farlow of the new Community Police Unit. Other participants included the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own); Moola-Moola, the APG Federal Credit Union mascot; fire engines from the APG Fire Department; and baton twirlers and a drum corps from Bel Air, led by Ginni Pippen, lead instructor and a research technologist from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

Chris Lockhart, MWR sponsorship and advertising coordinator, orchestrated the parade and other activities for the event. She said the day went off without a hitch.

"It's a beautiful day for this if a little windy," Lockhart said. "Everything is going like clockwork and I want to thank our Bill Kegley of Youth Sports, Angela Keithley of the Civilian Welfare Fund, our sponsors, MWR, CYS, ACS, DLES, the fire department and all the other organizations that had a hand in making this a great day for the community."

Events awaiting celebrants at Shine Sports Field included displays, refreshments and games.

Many took advantage of the activities in Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park where organizers allowed free use of the batting cages. In addition, Outdoor Recreation offered a display of summer rental equipment that included a tent, canoe, a camper and an outdoor cooking stove.

Youth baseball teams took the opportunity to have team and individual season photographs taken and the Edgewood Youth Center offered a lollipops for prizes table and sold baked goods. In addition, the APG Fire Department's Steve Funk and Darrell Roch gave a tour of the department's rescue unit and gave away fire hats, coloring books and other gifts; the DLES Special Reaction Team, led by police officers Angel Lopez and Robert Conire, displayed firearms and other response equipment; ACS staff members provided pamphlets on ACS services; and Cindy Scott of the Army Substance Abuse Program set up an alcohol and drug abuse prevention display.

Other events included a geography challenge by Ivan Mehosky, CYS schools liaison; a seatbelt condenser simulator by TFC Kerry Fritz of the Maryland State Troopers; a Punt, Pass and Kick Coaches' Challenge by CYS; and a pie-throwing contest by the Aberdeen Youth Center.

Tim Brandenburg, MWR director, said, "It is apparent from the joy expressed on the

faces of our families participating today that the months of planning and hard work by staff and volunteers was well worth the effort."

Two of the events' sponsors, Bank of America and the APG Federal Credit Union had representatives on hand giving away pens and other gifts, and Family Child Care providers distributed calendars of upcoming activities including Children: Our Future Day, 9:30 a.m., June 29 at the Maryland Boulevard picnic area, and FCC Provider Appreciation Day, 6 to 8 p.m., May 5 in building 2752.

Aphrodite Corsi, FCC director, said training is provided each quarter for child care providers.

"Our Web site at armyfcc.com provides information on providers, their homes and their background," Corsi said, adding that there currently are 33 providers on the installation.

She said those interested in becoming FCC providers should call 410-278-7477/7140 or stop by building 2752.

Attendees also enjoyed music from DeeJay Heartbeat, also known as Greg Dingle, a contractor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Also, stilt walker Jeff Teate brought along face painters, Choo-Choo Charlie the Clown, and caricaturist Mike Bracco.

Col. John T. Wright APG Garrison and deputy installation commander said he and his family "thoroughly enjoyed the activities."

"We've had a wonderful time," Wright said. "MWR and the other organizations really pulled together to show what we have to offer here at the top of the bay."

Many families agreed.

"We've been having a blast," said Mary Rosson, an Air Force spouse and AAFES employee, enjoying the day with her 8-year old twins Noah and Alex. "It was great of them to do this for the families," Rosson said.

"She's had a great time today," said Staff Sgt. Luis Rodriguez as he watched his daughter, Elise, 3, get her face painted by Choo-Choo Charlie the Clown.

"She just left Sparky [the Fire Dog]," Rodriguez said. "She was crazy about him."

Sgt. 1st Class Peggy McCormick, OC&S, and a baseball coach with CYS, said she was impressed with the seat belt condenser, which simulated a sudden stop at about 5 miles per hour.

"It really jarred me," McCormick said. "If I hadn't had the seat belt on I would have been toast."

Sgt. Joe Tiani, a U.S. Marine Corps recruiter with the Bel Air Recruiting Station, laughed with his family as they surveyed his finished caricature.

"It's been an all around fun day for my family," Tiani said. "Just a great day."

Cindy Scott of the Army Substance Abuse Program educates young listeners on the differences between candy and medicines.



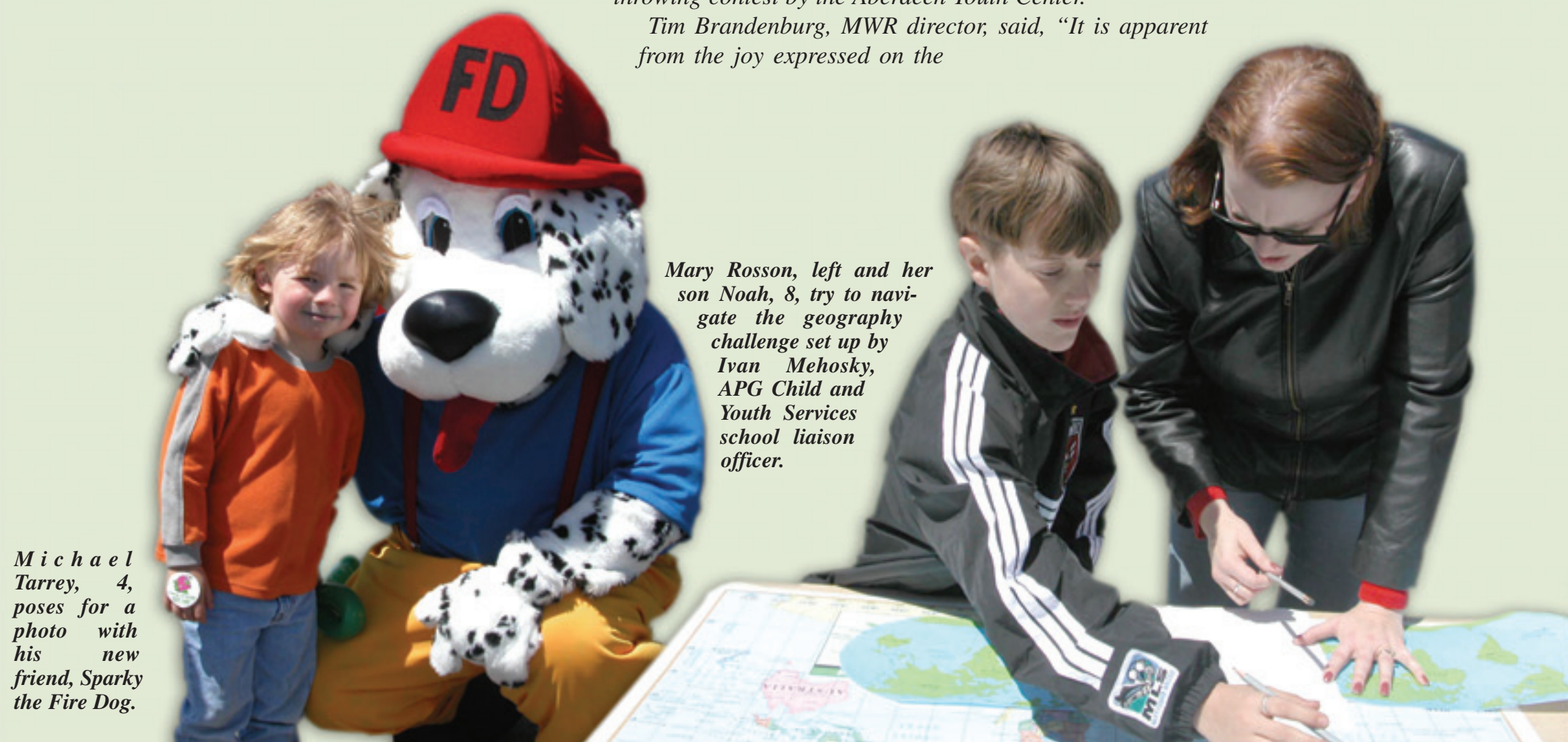
Choo-Choo Charlie the Clown, an entertainer from Jeff Teate's 'Nothin' Up My Sleeve,' right, paints a rainbow on the cheek of Elise Rodriguez, 3, during festivities after the Spring Fling parade April 16.



Jennifer Noe, 11, adjusts her collar as her new balloon hat leans with the breeze.

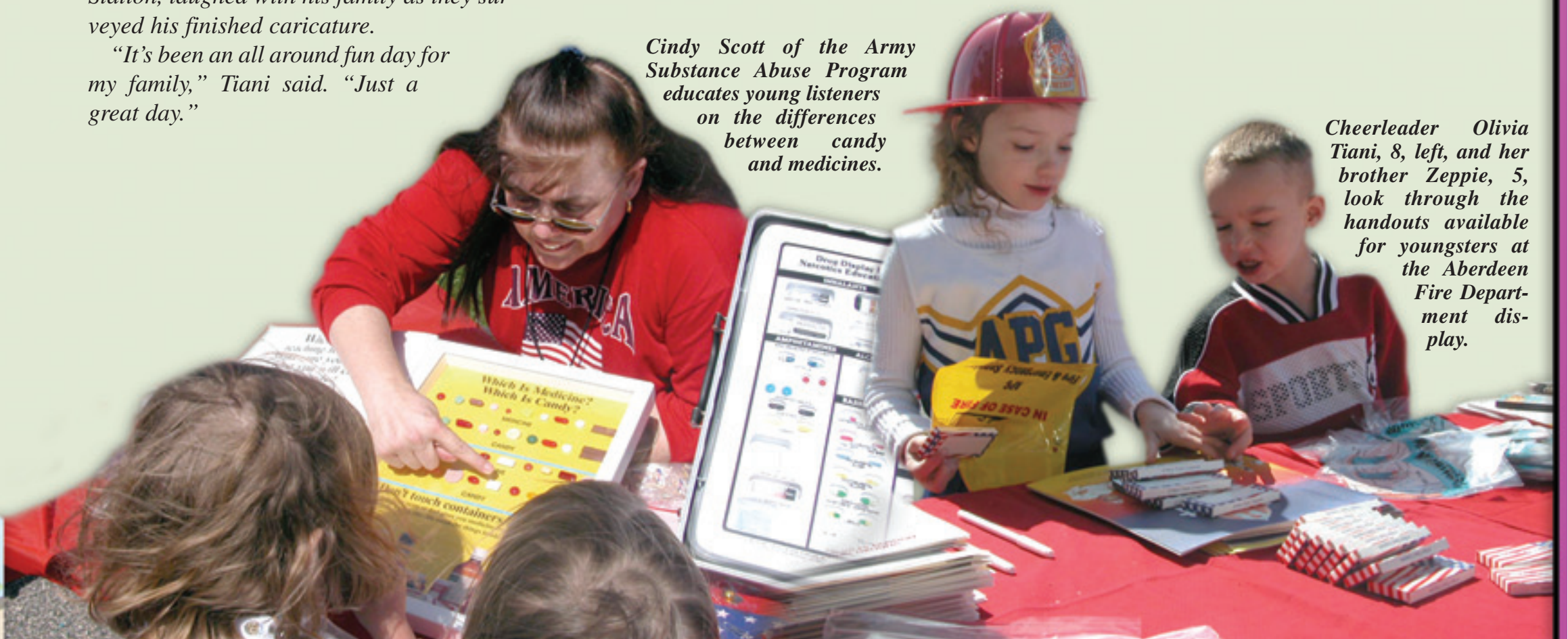


From left, Diana Hayes, Arcello Alleyne and Tamara Johnson of Army Community Service distribute information brochures and pamphlets about available services.



Michael Tarrey, 4, poses for a photo with his new friend, Sparky the Fire Dog.

Mary Rosson, left and her son Noah, 8, try to navigate the geography challenge set up by Ivan Mehosky, APG Child and Youth Services school liaison officer.



Cheerleader Olivia Tiani, 8, left, and her brother Zeppie, 5, look through the handouts available for youngsters at the Aberdeen Fire Department display.

APG Child Care Center celebrates Earth Day

Story and photo by
Carolyn H. Dawson
APG News

Earth Day was recognized in a special way by children in the Aberdeen Child Care Center who had the opportunity to personally experience new plant life April 22.

To help the students in her Pre-K/Kindergarten class understand how plants grow and benefit the world in an environment that was both informative and fun, teachers Florence “Flo” Vaughan and Mary Jackson employed the use of ‘babies.’ Not human babies, but rather young spider plant ‘babies,’ which were the offshoots of a large spider plant growing in the class.

“After learning about spring and talking about new plant life, we decided to raise our spider plant ‘babies’ – feeding them, giving them daily care -- just like parents,” Vaughan said.

Calling the young spider plants their “babies” and individually picking out a name

for their plants allowed the children to take responsibility for their “baby.”

Diego Robinson named his Dingo; Noah Ruark selected Ango, while Joshua Ostrowski opted for Webster and James Webb’s baby is Nia. Ray Johnson’s baby is Nicholas; Brandon Adams is a proud parent to Franklin, while JaQuane Hayes named his Xavier. Rachel Wilson’s is Nabel and Dusharne Sparks’ bears the name Rusty.

Wilson, who particularly enjoyed breaking off the young offshoots to form the baby plants, harvested the “babies.” The young plants were then placed in water to root in a large glass

bowl, and the children were able to watch the “babies” slowly grow their roots.

On Earth Day, the students transplanted the little plants into Styrofoam cups, individually decorated and personalized by each child with a col-

orful face for their ‘baby.’

“I love the way I made my ‘baby’s’ face,” Hayes said.

So did Sparks, who added that “playing with my ‘baby’ was a lot of fun.”

In addition to planting their ‘babies’ on Earth Day, the children of the class planted grass

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Diego Robinson plants his spiderplant ‘baby’ named Dingo in celebration of Earth Day April 22.

Business is pleasure on Earth Day for Environmental Center

Jeeanne Skillman
AEC

The U.S. Army Environmental Center celebrated Army Earth Day early on Aberdeen Proving Ground by planting flowers and trees and cleaning up the surrounding area of its buildings in Edgewood April 20.

Staff from the center's five buildings competed to spruce up their common areas and the Bayscapes demonstration garden.

Maintained by center volunteers, the Bayscapes garden

uses native vegetation to provide wildlife habitat, filter pollution and improve water quality.

“The cleanup turned out to be a team building morale booster, as many people donated plants and flowers and used their own tools to beautify the World War I-era buildings,” said event coordinator John Barzack, of AEC's Natural Resources Division.

The afternoon event ended with a barbecue fund raiser for the center’s annual picnic. The AEC is the Army's point

organization for implementing environmental programs that enhance Army training and operations while protecting the environment.

"Earth Day is the perfect opportunity to celebrate our mission and take a moment to enjoy what we work so hard to protect," said Col. Tony Francis, AEC commander, who initiated the competition.

"We can help our local environment and give a little back to the installation as well.”



U.S. Army Environmental Center volunteers, from left, Patti York, Sharon Schmitt, Carolyn McIlwain, Sue Morgi, and Kim Guyer, plant flowers along the entrance to the AEC command building in commemoration of Earth Day April 20.

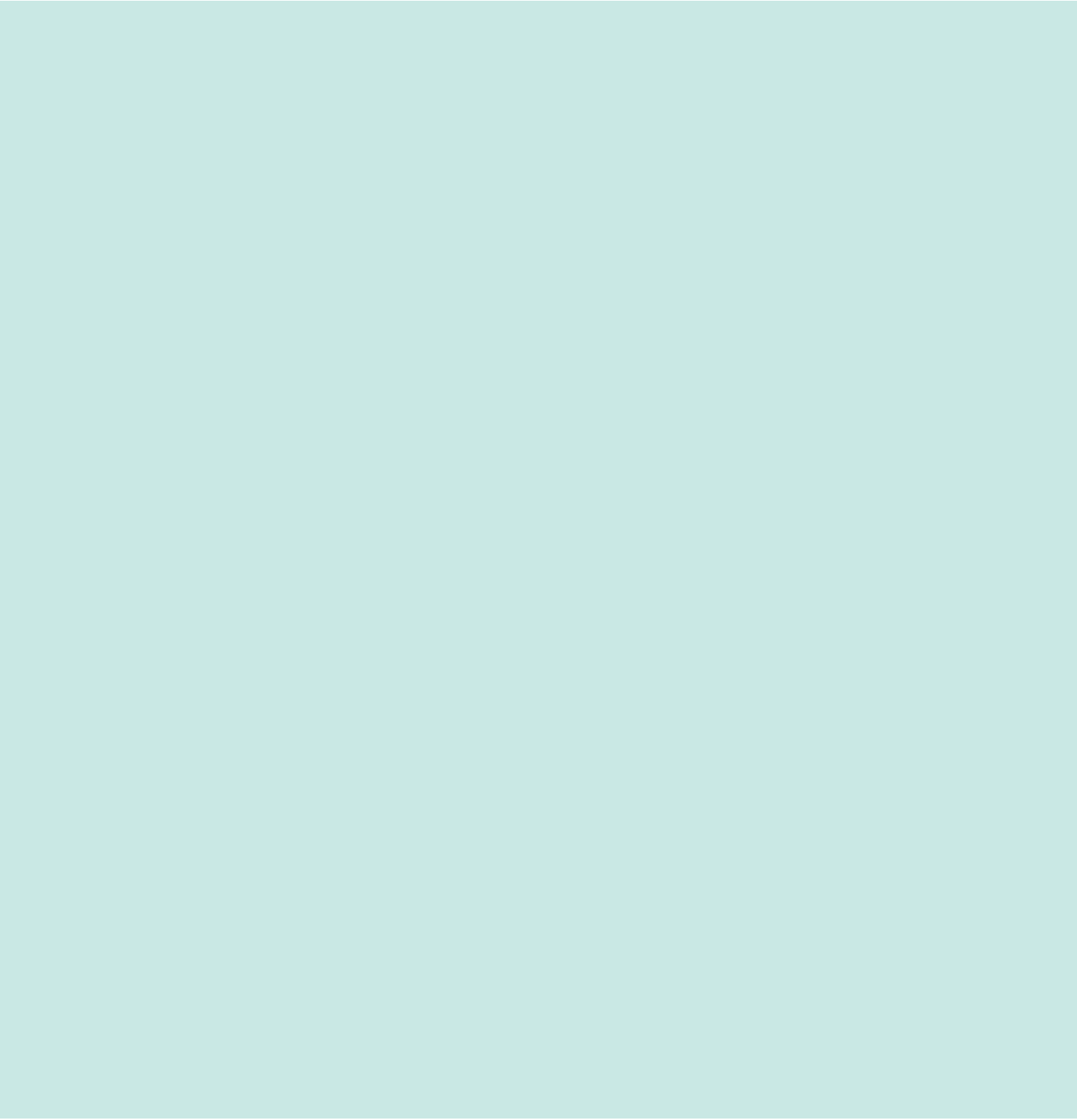


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Public notice

APG Police seeks CALEA accreditation

DLES

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Police is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., or CALEA, will arrive April 30 to examine all aspects of the APG Police--procedures and policies, management, operations and support services.

“Verification by the team that the APG Police meets the Commission’s state of the art standards is part of the voluntary process to gain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence,” said Robert Krauer, director, Law Enforcement and Security.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the APG community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team at a public information ses-

sion 7 p.m., May 3 in the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security conference room, located in building 3752, Aberdeen Boulevard (Police Academy).

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone, 410-306-0550, between 2 and 5 p.m., May 2.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at APG Police Headquarters, 2200 Aberdeen Boulevard.

Persons wishing to submit written comments, should send them to the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, VA 22030-2201.

For more information, call Capt. Erick C. Stone, 410-278-6533.

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to extend a warm thank you to the officers from the APG Police Force, who came to the center to read to the children, during Month of the Military Child. We are very fortunate to have this type of support from such elite members of our military community.

These officers provided the children the opportunity to relate with them at a personal level instead of just the "uniform at the gate." What a wonderful beginning for the Community Police Unit.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to each of the officers who visited the center to include Officers Michael Farlow, Scott Rhoades, Michael Mitchell, David Kauffman, Jeremy Rondone, Michael Banks and Thomas Young. While some were a "little more animated" than others, they were all very warm and gracious with the children and the highlight of "Read to Me Week."

Thanks again for your support of the Child Development Center children.

*Sincerely,
Darlene Ford
Assistant Center Director
Aberdeen Child Development Center*

Earth Day

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seed in a second decorated cup, which will grow to look like hair.

Vaughan is calling them ‘Grass People.’

The children learned quite a

bit about the importance of plants and the environment.

“If there isn’t any sun or water, all the plants and flowers will die,” Robinson said.

“Plants need the sun a lot.” shared Roark.

“And soil, too!” added Webb.

After the ‘babies’ have

grown for about one month, each one will be repotted into decorated clay pots so the children can take the ‘babies’ home for Mother’s Day.

Adams is excited to be taking Franklin home soon.

“Our ‘babies’ are good,” agreed Johnson, “but you have to take care of them.”